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Sent: 4/29/2021 7:53:05 PM
To: Echeverria, Marietta [Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov]; Keigwin, Richard [Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: Inquiry on Permanone and Biomist

Thanks, Marietta!

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Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:53 PM
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I called Karen and left her message. I also followed up with an email and will let you know what I hear. thanks

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Whoever can do it quickly. Thanks!

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Phone: 202-564-2910
Sent from my iPhone (Please excuse typos!)

On Apr 29, 2021, at 12:43 PM, Echeverria, Marietta <Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov> wrote:

Please let me know if you would like RD to reach out to Clarke or if someone else in OPP is reaching out.
Thanks.

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
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It might be good for one of us to reach out to Clarke. I got an inquiry about this from MDE last night, asking the same question.

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Not that I'm aware of, but this may be one of the products they're addressing through their changes to containers. In the response, could we add a recommendation that PEER reach out to Clarke or MDA on this?

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I think this is a Clarke product. Has Clarke done any testing?

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On Apr 28, 2021, at 6:09 PM, Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI. Shamus and Rhina, Im thinking a response to this should go through the comms staff. In terms of an answer, lab-wise, we haven't yet rec'd samples of Permanone & containers from Bayer, and we currently do not plan to test Biomist, nor are we aware of its being tested in other laboratories.

From: Timothy Whitehouse <twhitehouse@peer.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>

Cc: Kyla Bennett <KBennett@peer.org>

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Dear Kimberly,

On March 24, 2020, we sent Administrator Regan a letter informing him that we found PFAS in Permanone 30-30. We are wondering whether EPA has had the opportunity to confirm our test results, and if so, what you found.

Given that the two PFAS detected (PFOA and HFPO-DA) were the same that we found in Anvil 10+10, it is possible that similar fluorinated HDPE containers are responsible for this contamination. In the case of Anvil, you "red tagged" existing stock, and the manufacturer is seeking alternative containers for its products.

We also would like to inquire about the safety of Biomist® Adulticide. Mosquito spraying will start in Maryland imminently, and we have been informed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture that they have switched from Permanone 30-30 to Biomist®. Do you know whether Biomist® contains PFAS or is being tested for PFAS?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

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